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Commissioner for Patents
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: THERMAL REACTOR FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – by Henry D. Harness and Harry D. Harness ()*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 33-page patent specification including seven claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-17 on 8 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Henry D. Harness and Harry D. Harness for the captioned invention. This application is a divisional application of co-pending Application Serial No. 6,330,825, filed on October 20, 1998, which claimed the benefit of Provisional Application 60/063,183, filed on October 20, 1997.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE

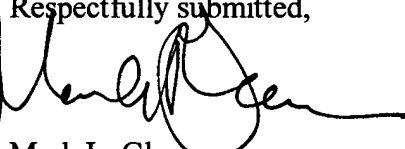
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